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Applicant

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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING A DISTRIBUTED

FILE SYSTEM UTILIZING METADATA TO TRACK

INFORMATION ABOUT DATA STORED THROUGHOUT THE

SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are responsive to the objection and rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed August 17, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Summary of Interview begins on page 9 of this paper.

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